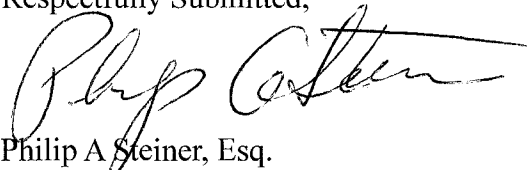


Examiner Interview of 12/12/2006

A telephonic interview was conducted on December 12, 2006 between Examiners Mahafkey and Hendricks and Applicant's representative Philip Steiner. Brief discussions of the relevance of the cited prior art (Cruess) and rejections under 35 USC §112 second paragraph were conducted. No agreement was reached in the case nor was the interview productive in elucidating Examiner's reasoning for the §112 paragraph 2 rejections. Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiner's Mahafkey and Hendricks for taking the time to facilitate the interview.

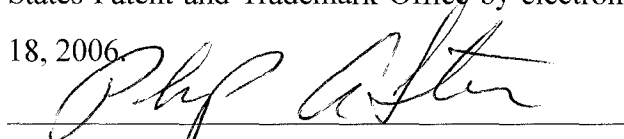
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